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IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **C-1**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENTS
AS-NEEDED CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION, RESIDENT ENGINEER,
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE MANAGER, CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULER, AND
WELDING INSPECTOR SERVICES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to enter into consultant services agreements to provide construction inspection, resident engineer, environmental compliance manager, construction scheduler, and welding inspector services on an as-needed basis in support of various road, flood control, landscaping, bridge, water, sewer, and aviation construction contracts throughout the County of Los Angeles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Acting Director of Public Works to execute consultant services contracts with the following firms:

1. AEI-CASC for environmental compliance manager services for a not-to-exceed fee of \$1,100,000 for three years.
2. AIM Construction Management for construction scheduler services for a not-to-exceed fee of \$200,000 for three years.

3. Career Base for welding inspector services for a not-to-exceed amount of \$100,000 for three years.
4. Essentia for environmental compliance manager services for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,000,000 for three years.
5. Freeman Alternative Resources for construction inspector services for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,100,000 for three years.
6. Kal Krishnan Consulting for resident engineer, environmental compliance manager, and construction scheduler services for a not-to-exceed fee of \$1,950,000 for three years.
7. Marrs Services for environmental compliance manager services for a not-to-exceed fee of \$750,000 for three years.
8. Psomas for construction inspection, resident engineer, environmental compliance manager, and construction scheduler services for a not-to-exceed fee of \$3,300,000 for three years.
9. TCM Group for construction inspection, resident engineer, and welding inspector services for a not-to-exceed fee of \$3,500,000 for three years.
10. The G Crew for construction inspection and welding inspector services for a not-to-exceed fee of \$1,200,000 for three years.
11. Willdan Associates for construction inspection for a not-to-exceed fee of \$800,000 for three years.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to delegate authority to the Acting Director of Public Works to award and enter into agreements with various consultants for construction inspection, resident engineer, environmental compliance manager, welding inspector, and construction scheduler services. These services will be used to augment the Department of Public Works (Public Works) staff and expertise in support of various Public Works construction projects located throughout the County. Public Works currently has an extremely large workload of projects under construction funded by Federal and State funds.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). The recommended actions will provide for services facilitating the delivery of various Public Works' construction projects.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The agreements, totaling \$15 million for a three-year period, will be funded by various funds for public works construction under the purview of Public Works including road, Flood Control District, Waterworks Districts, sewer maintenance, street lighting districts, Aviation, Proposition C Local Return, and general funds approved for use on capital projects infrastructure.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Delegating to the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee the authority to award and enter into consultant services agreements allows an expedited contracting process to provide services in support of current and upcoming Public Works construction projects.

The agreements and scope of work contain provisions requiring the consultant to comply with the terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs, including but not limited to: County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.202; and the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The agreements and its scope of work contain provisions requiring the consultant to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the agreement if it is found that the consultant offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

A standard consultant services agreement, previously approved as to form by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for agreement termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included. The agreements include a cost-of-living adjustment provision in accordance with your Board policy, which was approved on January 29, 2002.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended action does not constitute a project and is therefore exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On April 1, 2008, Public Works issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to 55 consulting firms to provide construction inspection, resident engineer, environmental compliance manager, welding inspector, and construction scheduler services. Ten firms submitted proposals for construction inspector, six for resident engineer, six for environmental compliance manager, five for welding inspector, and eight for construction scheduler. An evaluation committee, one for each service, comprised of Public Works staff evaluated the proposals received. The evaluation of the firms was based on technical expertise, proposed work plan, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding the work requirements. These evaluations were completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender. Based on the review and evaluation of the proposals, the evaluation committees recommend the listed firms to perform the various services.

As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, and to further increase consultant awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, a Request for Qualifications for these services was listed on the County's "Doing Business with Us" website.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow Public Works to facilitate delivery of the construction of various public works construction projects previously approved or to be approved in the future by your Board.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,


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